

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13 and 16-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 11, 13 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harvey. In addition, claims 11, 13, and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harvey in view of Hodges. Applicant will argue the inapplicability of these rejections to the amended claims.

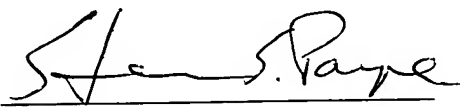
Claim 11 recites, among other features, “a fixture for forming a unit load comprising one or more packages and to be received on two or more loading ledges, which unit load after forming is lifted from the fixture together with the loading ledges”. Harvey is directed to the design of a skid assembly. It is respectfully submitted that Harvey does not show a fixture for forming a unit load comprising one or more packages. Harvey does not show any loading ledges. Harvey does not show that the unit load together with loading ledges should be lifted from a fixture. Finally, Harvey does not show that feet of the loading ledges are received in cups arranged on a fixture. It is respectfully submitted that nothing in Harvey would point one of ordinary skill in the art to place any cups on the skid assembly of Harvey.

It is respectfully submitted that Hodges does not overcome the deficiencies of Harvey cited above. Thus, claims 11, 13 and 16-19 are allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons set forth above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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